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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Marine Mammals and Endangered Species

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permits and permit amendments.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that permits or permit amendments have been issued to the following entities under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) and the Endangered Species Act (ESA), as applicable.

ADDRESSES: The permits and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone: (301) 427-8401; fax: (301) 713-0376.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Skidmore (Permit No. 17429-01), Carrie Hubard (Permit No. 21678), and Sara Young (Permit No. 21425); at (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notices were published in the ***Federal Register*** on the dates listed below that requests for a permit or permit amendment had been submitted by the below-named applicants. To locate the ***Federal Register*** notice that announced our receipt of the application and a complete description of the research, go to www.federalregister.gov and search on the permit number provided in the table below.

Permit No.	RIN	Applicant	Previous Federal Register Notice	Permit or Amendment Issuance Date
17429-01	0648–XC766	Sea Life Park Hawaii, 41-202 Kalanianaʻole Highway No. 7 Waimanalo, HI 96795 (Responsible Party: Valerie King)	79 FR 1834; January 10, 2014	October 3, 2018
21425	0648-XG297	Point Blue Conservation Science, 3820 Cypress Drive #11, Petaluma, CA 94954, (Responsible Party: Grant Ballard, Ph.D.)	83 FR 47606; September 20, 2018	November 7, 2018
21678	0648–XG320	John Calambokidis, Cascadia Research Collective, Waterstreet Building Suite 201, 218 ½ West Fourth Ave., Olympia, WA 98501	83 FR 35621; July 27, 2018	November 15, 2018

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a final determination has been made that the activities proposed are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

As required by the ESA, as applicable, issuance of these permit was based on a finding that such permits: (1) were applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered species; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in Section 2 of the ESA.

AUTHORITY: The requested permits have been issued under the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226), as applicable.

Dated: December 10, 2018.

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